year of the electric century Trail." A lifting sense of new do- would it be well that he did so.

giant was conscious of his mighty thews and

To the young hercules the young age of miracle that began with 1901!

In and under our good brown earth is our treasure-house, and hands and brains we have had to delve riches out. Prosperity, very real and very great, was giving impulse to new enterprise. We gloried in our vast expanse of wheat land, corn land, cotton land and the harvest over and above our

We found new poetry in the grimy reaches where myriad white plumes of steam and sable plumes of smoke ascended from furnace, smelter and rolling mill, Coal, iron, copper, gold, silver, lead-we mined and worked them all.

Never was such a flame-lit, hammerclanged song of industry as that our 80.(0),-600 people were singing with uplifted eyes.

ss this happy chorus of a people suddenly came the tolling of a funeral bell. In our President, our beloved of men, stricken foully down, we had paused to think that the material and corporeal were not all. The death of President McKinley at the

hands of a brutalized gnome of anarchy had not stopped a wheel or a spade or drill in the industrial onrush for more than a minute's space. How impressive, how significant that minute's pause! But it gave a graver level to our thought. In the gravity of that we asked ourselves perhaps the question, 'What is our victory to avail us?" What are we doing for our inner selves,

for the better part of us? Are "millions," whether in dollars, bushels or tons, everything? What, after all, is this exaltation of the

So the sad passing forth of the good and great and gentle President was not wholly

In his place stands another of very noble deals. We need not question what might have been, but, under God's providence, we sent saw him whose bent for battle and struggle was so intense come calmed and chastened was so intense come calmed and chastened found not wanting. A long midsummer to the place of power, and take up the drought had brought dismay through the had laid it down. We saw Theodore Roose- third. The wider area of cotton planted was velt's energy and fire attuned in marvelous to yield less per acre than in years. Other

icy, he said, when he took the oath as President, and in the main, in the essentials, ter, but the wonderful diversity of products he has held to it. So individual a man cannot stifle his individuality altogether, nor matters in a way not short of the marvel-

decessor. The nation took heart at that.

Elected the previous November to succeed

would yield up victory possessed us. The new year easy of heart. The nation, de- mercantile and corporate enterprise never rolling up. The vexed Cuban question en-Platt amendment, which the Cuban conven- pleted and sustained on a living average. tion, after much hesitation, concluded to ac-

> The capture of Aguinaldo had reduced the importance of the Filipino operations, while the Spooner amendment laid the foundations of civil government in the islands. The Supreme Court decisions gave some stability to the status of Porto Rico, although few great decisions have ever been so qualified. Hawaii was contented under the fing.

The standing army had been raised from an establishment of 25,000 men to a potential of 100,000 and an actual force of 77,000 and radius. The rejected Hay-Pauncefote treaty clearing the way for the great isthmian ca- meaning. nal project. The Republican party was

The President's second inauguration was of April, he began his tour through the or hereditary, in all the world looked with scene of national life and glory. We do well ed, as his outing was, by the illness of the wife he loved, it brought him closer than ever to the nation's heart.

To glance from these moments of glad honor and proud acclaim to the somber days mass unless it means uplift the unit-as a of early September, with our foremost fallen, and then through the throbbing hours of that funeral progress of 900 miles to the ave on the Canton hillside, we encounter a tragedy too deep for mere words of grief. Peace to William McKinley, our martyr of

Not there alone was the nation tried and sk in the patient spirit of him who wide corn belt. The crop had shrunk onethe cautious ways of his pre- staples and fruits of the earth showed largely diminished gatherings; but wheat, He would not change or try to change our noblest grain, was, for compensation, one jot the direction of the presidential polshortage would have meant a great disas-The mining output was enormous. Manu-

spite the drain of the war smoldering in so bold and forehanded. And so, although call for light upon them. The power to adthe Philippines, could afford to retrench its necessuries rose in price, they could be protaxation, and so great was the prosperity cured, since wages were earning-wages that the reduction made still left a surplus with a decided tendency to advance. The farners found higher prices for shortened cost the consumer \$60,000,000 more than the shall not be harvested at a loss. The poputered on the phase of solution through the crops, and the circle of well-being was com-

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Yet the lesson of it all should sink deep cape from calamity shows our interdepend- gives it employment, ence as well as our mutual apport. Hands that toll and hands that rear without toil have, in the light of this year's economics in the United States, every reason to pull together, the stronger seeing the weaker

its reorganization effected. The navy was Hill as "the conduct of the largest mass increasing in fighting force and steaming is the changest." Sums so great as to seem abstract rather than concrete have met, the sweep of land-wide sorrow for him, land giving way to our just demands, and so sumerical factors have almost lost their

This rolling up of millions into billions hant. Business North and South and has given birth, as we have seen, to splendid audacities. Such enthusiasm for innovation, such wide embracing and outward must be found, even if the walls of the promemorably superb. When, toward the end reaching the worlds of manufacture, com- tective tariff must be lowered in places merce and transportation have never seen. West to the Pacific slope, no ruler, elected Witness the buying of whole lines of for- trusts must be noted in the history of the eign steamships and the stupendous tunmore gratified eye on a more gratifying nel project of the Pennsylvania Rallroad. A hundred and fifty years ago in Eng-

to recall that now. It was the apogee of his land, the days when India was opened to career-the May day of his endeavor. Cloud- ber, and again in the same island after the repeal of the corn laws, similar swelling dustrial tides arose that took England's greatness to its flood, but there the growth depended most upon how she brought the Produce of other lands to her doors. Here it comes from the development of our own rescurces and our enterprise in giving our growing surplus to the world.

it were, of our possibilities, the smallest power to warn off financial malefactors intelligence suffices to indicate how firm rcoted our confidence can be that our power will endure and grow. Our domestic expansion has shown how small, comparatively, is our expansion abroad.

the quick realization of what has been inev- rective dynamics of the human race. itable since Bunker Hill must be conceded. In our growth Europe has found a menace— rial advance and achievement, over which "the American peril," it has called it—but— we beat so many drums, must be making

the Anthracite Coal Trust, where the 60 .-000,600 tons mined this year are made to same amount of coal last year, is surely a power to be reckoned with. Neither should it prove startling that labor should.

Among things at once touching the useful into the minds of our thinkers. Our es- feel some alarm at the gigantic power that

The strike failed, but in the labor conference of this closing month of the year we see that the two great factors among the through, and manhood and womanhood the better for it all. world workers are earnestly seeking some base of saner settlement than the crude and cruel arbitrament of the strike and rounding year; vast, and growing vaster, its the lockout. There is the highest promise aggregations, based on the proposition in the National Arbitration Board as choswhich has been formulated by James J. en by the conference. If the aggregating of capital is to be continuous, it is plain that a modus vivendi must be found. American intellect may be trusted to find it. While the trusts must find a way to deal justly with all their customers and

openly with their growing shareholders, and while what the President calls their "monopolistic tendencies" must be curbed, the remedy is not a simple one; yet it, too. In one other capacity the position of the

year, namely, in the growth of a force that polices the financial and industrial world, and in time of momentary stress shuts the gates to disaster. This was notably inheavy hand on the fighting forces in the years in useful and beneficial discovery, Northern Pacific "corner," and, with those he called about him, brought the raging speculative element of the stock market to a standstill. The wreckers are no longer the force they were in Wall street. No exchange can be wholly freed from

As we have but scratched the surface, as the pendulum is notably limited, and the before they can work calamity exists in a preservation, it is true, that accounts for this high police force of the bank parlor, the directors' room and the broker's office. To our capital and the brains directing it but that instinct answers for all the cor-

Fain we are to think that all this matethis should not be so. In the conquests of us happier and better as men and women. peace brilliant compensations may be Measurably it is. Crime is not on the increase. Such a vile outcrop as the anar-It is not surprising that abuses calling chistic insanity has no breeding reason in for remedy should have arisen in this cap-italizing movement which we call the son of one assassin to slay a President. trusts. The unifying which is founded on What can be done to keep it foreign to us what is euphemistically described as "com- will be applauded by the whole people.

to be won, joy in the very struggles that himself, President McKinley entered on the facturing was phenomenally active, and munity of interests," as in the case of Public faith is in high esteem. Even if competing railroads, has features which it should cost us some millions of public revenue for a year, the people look with friendly eyes on the project of helping Cuba to sell us her sugar crop, so that it

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Among things at once touching the useful as well as the sentimental, the victory in The steel strike was more an expression the international racht races shows our of this alarm than of any wage grievance. emulative spirit at its best, and our ship models the finest in the world. Not only in these ways does the story of the year ring true. No twelvemonth has been so fruitful of philanthropic giving by those who have to those who have not or those who have little. The massive gifts of Mr. Andrew Carnegle are an encyclopuedla of shrewdly directed benevolence. The hard steel of his industry he has transmuted to the soft gold of his good will to men. And followers, rivals even, he has had among the rich men and women of our Republic.

Much has been done for education, for our sick, for our weaker, for our erring brethren. Much also has been done to add beauty to our lives and our towns. The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo and the now open exposition at Charleston are memorable stepping stones on the road to the useful and the aesthetic. The bicentennial of Yale marked a great gathering of her sons and well-wishers There is a veritable army at work searching out ways of prightening the road for others. Our stanced when J. Pierpont Morgan put a inventors have kept the promise of other Our artists are rising to broader heights

of skill and purpose. Our literature reflects the many-sided culture that is ever finding more congenial home and more fertile field for operation and research in our universities and colleges. Our fiction is clean, violent fluctuations, but now the swing of as befits a clean-minded people. Our doctors of medicine and surgery are winning victeries in their noble crusade for humanity, victories which keep our medical science large degree. It is the instinct of self- abreast of the best in the whole world-in some things beyond all others. Religion keeps its hold on the popular mind. At peace within our mighty Common

wealth, all contests of the past buried, no insistent question dividing sections; re-spected abroad, prosperous at home; the great doctrine of Monroe reaffirmed and Hemisphere from exterior aggression; a new treaty blotting out the old and clearing the diplomatic cobwebs from before our army of spadesmen, ready for their campaign against the rock-spined isthmus that keeps two oceans apart; with educational year of the century die, with the glimpes uplift and philanthropic fraternity mak- of a still more hopeful future before its



## Changes in the Army of a Fundamental Character and in Line of Improvement. FRANCIS VINTON GREENE

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# This Tells of an Export Movement in Wheat Unparalleled in History. 🔑

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